

### **Abstract of the Disclosure**

5       A stopper assembly for sealing an opening of a vessel has a threaded  
body having a tapered head; an elastic jacket fitted over a portion of the  
body; a retention housing fitted over the body and jacket, the retention  
housing retaining the jacket from lateral displacement there through; and a  
turning nut attached to the retention housing and threaded to the body. A  
user inserts the stopper assembly into the vessel opening, holds the  
10   retention housing stable, and turns the turning nut causing travel of the  
threaded body through the retention housing and deformation of the elastic  
jacket against the tapered head, deformation thereof directed radially  
outward to make peripheral contact with the inner surface of the opening  
affecting a seal of the opening.

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